

**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Meeting Minutes**

June 7, 2006  
Michigan Education Association  
1350 Building

10:00 am — 2:30 pm

**Members Present:** Gloria Anderson, Beverly Baroni-Yeglic, Patt Clement, Cheryl Ervin, Darlene Heard-Thomas, Donna Herrle, Elaine High, Robert Hove, Julie Daggett-Lawrence, Linda Keway, Dara Knill, Jim Kubaiko, Paul Kubicek, Patricia MacQuarrie, Sharon Melko, Jerry Oermann, Anne Richardson, Chuck Saur, Richard Spring, Barbara Stork, Deb Todd, Collette Ward, Julie Winkelstern, Michael Yocum

**Members Absent:** Michael Beach, David Overly, Susan Peters, Julie Shore, Jeff Siegel, Jan VanGasse

**OSE/EIS Staff Present:** Meredith Hines, Patti Oates-Ulrich, Liz Vorisek, Fran Loose, Beth Steenwyk

**Ex-Officio Present:** Katie Sheen (for Lynn Boza), Lori Irish (for Sheri Falvay), Jacquelyn Thompson

**Guest:** Michael Flanagan, Superintendent of Public Instruction

**SEAC Consultant:** Sandi Laham

- I. Call to Order by Collette Ward Time: 10:07 a.m.
- II. Roll Call by Meredith Hines. A quorum was present.
- III. There was one guest at today's meeting.
- IV. Presentation

Superintendent of Public Instruction Mike Flanagan presented on the topic of improved high school graduation requirements to meet the increased educational needs of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, as proposed by the State Board of Education and recently enacted by the State Legislature (Public Acts 123 and 124 of 2006).

Discussion followed. SEAC members agreed that increased requirements are needed. Members also raised a variety of concerns, such as age appropriate subject matter, and unintended consequences of the new requirements.

- V. The agenda for the meeting was approved.
- VI. The May 3, 2006 SEAC Meeting minutes were approved.

VII. There was no public comment.

VIII. Member Comment: Gloria Anderson encouraged the SEAC to recruit persons from the field to fill vacancies on the SEAC.

Concerns were expressed regarding the following topics:

- a. The low percentage of parents who feel a high school education is sufficient.
- b. What does the data reflect?
- c. The need for increased awareness of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome

IX. Chairperson's Report – Colette Ward

The Willard Daggett DVD (of his presentation in Lansing last fall) will be shown during lunch today.

Meetings next year will be at the Hampton Inn in Okemos due to scheduling challenges in other places.

The draft Year-end Report will be completed after the meeting today.  
The subcommittee reports were made available in hard copy.

X. State Reports — Jacque Thompson

A. State Board of Education

Two new organizational nominations to the SEAC for the June 13 State Board of Education Meeting include the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals (MASSP) and the Association for Supervision and Curriculum and Development (Michigan ASCD). These seats were originally recommended in 1998-99.

The Seclusion and Restraint State Board item is on hold at this time. It may be scheduled in the fall.

B. IDEA 2004 Implementation Activities

The OSE/EIS has been working to put strategies for the 20 State Performance Plan (SPP) indicators in place. The OSE/EIS will seek input next year from SEAC on target setting. Process mapping and use of data has been a focus for managers.

There are three documents out for public comment: Intermediate School District Plan Criteria for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services; Addendum to the Individualized Education Program, Proposed Form and Manual; and Transition Coordinator Procedures for Approval.

B. Other

XI. Reports from Ex-Officio Members - None

## XII. Committee Reports

- A. High School Transformation - Deb Todd reported that they worked on the unintended consequences of high school reform. Funding to have and retain qualified teachers needs to be a focus.
- B. Post-Secondary Outcomes Four areas of key learning. (1) SPP 13 and 14 should be kept on the horizon, (2) Summary of Performance (SOP) requirement, (3) Words and acronyms need defining, (4) Understand the complexity on how all of this works together.
- C. Suspension/Expulsion recommendation will be covered under action items.

## XIII. Information Items<sup>1</sup> - None

## XIV. Action Items

### The SEAC Recommendations Regarding Suspension/Expulsion

Discussion: Paul Kubicek summarized the recommendations from this report.

Motion made by Patt Clement to support the recommendations from the Suspension Expulsion Subcommittee and forward the recommendations to the State Board of Education. The motion was seconded.

Approved:   X   Defeated:            Opposed: One

## XV. Member Announcements

Gloria Anderson – Speech, Language and Hearing Association- speech/language service delivery system update <http://www.MISD.net>. ISD special education directors have identified the shortage of service providers as a high priority issue.

In response to a question from a member: the parent grant had two applicants, and the timeline for acknowledging the grantee is early to mid-July.

A small group is also working with the Policy and Compliance Unit (of OSE/EIS) to explore recommendations regarding timelines and outcomes for complaints.

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<sup>1</sup> Items requiring action by the SEAC are presented first as Information Items and then again as Action Items the following month.

XVI. Future Agenda Consideration

It was moved by Paul Kubicek and seconded by Jerry Oermann to cancel the July and August Committee of the Whole meetings.  
Motion approved.

XVII. Retreat Dates are September 17-18 in Mt. Pleasant. Sunday evening is especially for new members but current members are invited to attend. The Monday session is for all members.

XVIII. Recognition of Outgoing Members

Certificates of Appreciation for service on the Special Education Advisory Committee were presented to outgoing members.

XIX. Adjournment

There were no subcommittee meetings today. The Executive Committee met briefly after lunch to set retreat planning dates. The Daggett DVD was shown during lunch.

**Special Education Advisory Committee  
Executive Committee**

June 7, 2006  
8:45 a.m.

Michigan Education Association  
1350 Building

Meeting Notes

Present: Beverly Baroni-Yeglic, Patt Clement, Meredith Hines, Robert Hove, Paul Kubicek, Sandi Laham, Patti Oates-Ulrich, Chuck Saur, Jacque Thompson, Deb Todd, Colette Ward. Liz Vorisek

Absent: None

1. Review of Today's Agenda

a. Invited Presentations

MDE Superintendent Michael Flanagan will present on the Newly Adopted High School Graduation Requirements and High School Reform. Jacque will introduce Mr. Flanagan.

b. Chairperson's Report

Colette Ward will give an overview of the draft year-end report. Copies will be available with the SEAC mailing.

c. State Department Reports

i. State Board of Education

- The nominations for two new organizational seats will be presented to the June 13 board meeting. Claudia Werner (Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals) and Judith Dorsch Backes (Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development) have been nominated to represent their respective organizations on the

SEAC.

- The Seclusion /Restraint board item is on hold.

ii. IDEA 2004 Implementation

- Regarding State Performance Plan implementation (SPP), the core management team attended sessions on process mapping and data.

iii. Other

d. Information Items - None

e. Action Items

The SEAC Recommendations Regarding Suspension/Expulsion

It was agreed that Patt Clement would make the motion to forward the item to the State Board of Education.

2. Future Agenda Development

There will be a motion to request cancellation of the July and August Committee of the Whole meetings

3. Other Issues

a. Possibility of videoconferencing of future SEAC meeting will be discussed by the new executive committee

b. Former members access to current information. Mike Flaminio of the Superintendent's Office will be asked to put a webpage for SEAC on the MDE website.

c. Deb Todd asked clarification when to give CEN a report for Leading Change. Jacque indicated CEN should contact Patti for the report.

d. A new list of SEAC members will be sent after the June 13 State Board meeting.

4. Adjournment-Subcommittees will not meet today. There will be a short Executive Committee debrief following today's Committee of the Whole meeting.